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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1774

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CINCPAC HONOLULU

AMCONSUL KARACHI

C O N F I D E N T I A L ISLAMABAD 9308

CINCPAC FOR J26

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINR, PK

SUBJ: MAP EXCHANGE: REQUEST FOR AREA CLEARANCE

REF: DMA R241449Z OCT 73; STATE 210675.

1. AGREE THAT TIME APPEARS RIPE TO SEEK AGREEMENT WITH
GOP ON EXCHANGE AND UPDATING MAPS OF PAKISTAN. GOP
REMAINS SENSITIVE ON SUBJECT OF MAPS BECAUSE OF SECURITY
ASPECTS, HOWEVER, AND CHANCES OF SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT
COULD BE ENDANGERED BY TRYING TO PUSH TOO HARD. FINANCE
MINISTER'S INTEREST AND SUPPORT WILL BE VALUABLE, BUT
HE DOES NOT CALL SHOTS IN THIS AREA.

2. NO OBJECTION TO DR. HELD AND MR. BURCHETTE VISITING
ISLAMABAD OR KARACHI DURING WEEK NOVEMBER 12. THEY
SHOULD BE AWARE, HOWEVER, THAT THERE LITTLE CHANCE ANY
GOP DECISION ON MAP EXCHANGE BY THAT TIME, AND THAT
THEIR VISIT LIKELY TO BE EXPLORATORY. WOULD ALSO OFFER
OPPORTUNITY COORDINATE TACTICS WITH MISSION.

3. ALSO BELIEVE CHANCES OF AGREEMENT WITH GOP WILL BE
IMPROVED IF WE GIVE PROJECT MAXIMUM "CIVILIAN" COLORATION
AND KEEP OVERT SIGNS DOD INTEREST TO MINIMUM. THUS IF
DR. HELD AND MR. BURCHETTE VISIT PAKISTAN IN NOVEMBER
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AS PROPOSED, RECOMMEND VISIT BE PORTRAYING TO GOP AS

SPONSORED BY OFFICE OF THE GEOGRAPHER, STATE, AND THAT
DR. HELD BE TREATED AS SENIOR TEAM MEMBER.

4. VISAS SHOULD BE OBTAINED BEFORE ENTERING PAKISTAN.
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